

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his comments, detailed in the present Office Action. Claims 1-41 are pending in the present application. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been entered.

1. The Office Action reminds the Applicant of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure. Applicant has reviewed the Abstract carefully in view of the Examiner's comments in the Office Action and finds the Abstract to comport with the requirements of patent law.

2. The Office Action states that the title of the invention is not descriptive. Applicant submits herewith a replacement title and respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to the title.

3. The Office Action states that Claim 1 is objected to because of informalities. Claim 1 has been amended for further clarification and to address the objection. Applicants respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection to Claim 1.

4-5. The Office Action states that Claims 1-24 of USPN 6,263,362 contain every element of Claims 1-41 of the instant application and as such anticipates Claims 1-41 of the instant application.

Applicant hereby submits a timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with CFR 1.321(c) and respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claims.

6-8. Claims 1-41 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dasan, USPN 5,761,662, in view of Rose, USPN 5,724,567. Applicant respectfully submits that Dasan and Rose, taken alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest the present invention as claimed.

Independent Claim 1 recites a method for inspecting any of the properties of a computer comprising, *inter alia*, at least one inspector "performing any of

mathematico-logical calculations, executing computational algorithms, returning results of system calls, accessing contents of storage devices, and querying devices or remote computers to inspect any of said properties of said computer, said computer's configuration, contents of said computer's storage devices, said computer's peripherals, said computer's environment, or remote affiliated computers."

As admitted in the Office Action, Dasan fails to teach or suggest at least one inspector "performing any of mathematico-logical calculations, executing computational algorithms, returning results of system calls, accessing contents of storage devices, and querying devices or remote computers to inspect any of said properties of said computer, said computer's configuration, contents of said computer's storage devices, said computer's peripherals, said computer's environment, or remote affiliated computers," as claimed in Claim 1, as amended.

Rose does not remedy any of the deficiencies of Dasan. Rose discloses a computer-based information system that enables users to access information from a variety of sources. The items of information are placed in a global database and the system delivers to the users an identification of only those items of information, which are believed to be relevant to the particular user. Rose fails to teach or suggest at least one inspector "performing any of mathematico-logical calculations, executing computational algorithms, returning results of system calls, accessing contents of storage devices, and querying devices or remote computers to inspect any of said properties of said computer, said computer's configuration, contents of said computer's storage devices, said computer's peripherals, said computer's environment, or remote affiliated computers," as claimed in Claim 1, as amended.

Furthermore, Dasan fails to teach or suggest a combination with Rose and Rose fails to teach or suggest a combination with Dasan. It would be impermissible hindsight based on Applicant's own disclosure to incorporate the teachings of Rose into Dasan in order to arrive at the present invention. Moreover, such alleged combination would still fail to teach or suggest at least one inspector "performing any of mathematico-logical calculations, executing computational algorithms, returning results of system calls, accessing contents of storage devices, and querying devices

or remote computers to inspect any of said properties of said computer, said computer's configuration, contents of said computer's storage devices, said computer's peripherals, said computer's environment, or remote affiliated computers," as claimed in Claim 1, as amended.

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Therefore, Applicant submits that Claim 1, as well as its respective direct or indirect dependent claims 2-9, are distinguishable over Dasan and Rose, taken alone or in combination, and should be allowed.

10 Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's assertion that Claims 10-41 have similar limitations as Claims 1-9. A cursory reading of Claims 10-41 reveals distinct limitations distinguishable over the cited art. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of Claims 10-41 and submits that Claims 10-41 are patentable and should be allowed.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the claimed invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States Patent.

Respectfully Submitted,



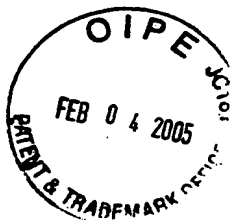
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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figure 9 has been amended. In Figure 9, block 94 has been renumbered as block 99. No new matter has been entered. A replacement drawing sheet for Figure 9 is
5 attached below.

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